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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, OC-S/AD/Personnel Branch

SUBJECT : Edit Paramaters for Cover Data

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1. [ ] has offered to write, if practicable, an edit sub-routine to test the validity of cover data being entered to the COMCON program. There seems to be a pattern to information entries within various columns and between columns and entire fields. If these relationships form a coherent pattern then [ ] sub-routine could identify an incorrect entry as it is being made and thus help us minimize mistakes.

2. The type of relationships which will need to be known can be illustrated by the following (not necessarily all true):

a. The first column of the "MANCVRSP" and "OCCVRSP" fields will be blank or will contain only the letters "T", "D", "C", "G", "N", "A", "S", "E", "P", "M" or "O".

b. When the first column of these fields is "D" the second column will be "A", "N" or "O".

c. When the first column is other than blank, "A", "N", "D" or "O" the second column will be "T", "A", "O", "E", "K" or "S".

d. When any of the three fields is [ ] or [ ] the other two fields will be the same, etc.

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3. The above is only by way of example. It may be more efficient to list all the items which are permissable column by column for each field or some other such approach. In any case, what is needed is information necessary to spot conformance to patterns prior to accepting data during inputs or updates. Please advise as soon as possible so John can get on with writing the sub-routine.

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